Dear Paul,

9/24/79

In your 8/29 to me and in your 8/11-25 clippings list you describe the St. L P-D 7/22/79 as very important. You leave unclear how it is important but give the impression because it is an accurate, dependable independent confirmation of the House assassin's nightmare of the ~~his~~ alleged St. Louis plot reported by the crook Byers.

Aside from all the pro blems this fiction stored upon by the bankrupt when the FBI Goinfpaired them with it has, and there are many more than I will go into, is it reasonable? In any essential aspect.

Not were there those who wanted King dead, or said they'd pay for it, for they were legion. In fact the Byers plot itself comes from many identical tales concocted by those, mostly prisoners, who sought something in return. Even a guy named Nicholson asked for special care for his bellyache.

No Ray has ever had any money. If any had their histories would have been different. Do you really think that Jimmy would have gone for such a deal without a down payment? But he had so little money he couldn't get away without a robbery and then for $100 could not get to a country without an extradition deal with the US. John is again in jail merely because he had no money. Jerry's present car, last of a series of expensive clunkers from the repairs they've required, cost him $150!

The unnamed informer is Richard J. O'Hara and he was a snitch. That he had dealings with Byers means nothing except that he was in a position to be a snitch. Without dealings what could he inform about? Meanwhile, Byers was not ruled on the serious charge on which he was arrested prior to the FBI's decision to ~~disinfo~~ the HSCA with his tale.

Those of you who wanted of HSCA other than could or did come from it are reaching too far to find what isn't to be found. This is such a case. There is nothing even reasonable about the conjecture and all the available evidence disproves it, as best a negative can be. Even the general HSCAn approach is ~~unreasonable~~ unoriginal. It is the safe safe criticism of the FBI for which the CIA went, only they used a different plot of identical description, also baseless in terms of what happened. Haven't you noticed that the FBI has not bothered even to complain? They're tickled because where it could count they can destroy the whole thing.

Too bad you had to endorse another disinformation. Even to a small audience, which is a repeating audience no part of which has any subject knowledge.

Believe me, the most common crap in the voluminous FBI files is identical with or in general indistinguishable from the Byers fabrication. Hearing as related to the actual King assassination or to the Rays. That there could have been much such talk is not unlikely but relevance is lacking. And as I've said often, of all the thousands who threatened the Kennedys and King all these thousands could not have done it. There is nothing at all that shows this particular one was even possible. Probably more than anything else this accounts for the stonewalling of my appeal on it. As of now there has been no response but later ones have been acted on.